

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application, and have been allowed.

The Office Action indicates that the application is in condition for allowance but for the following formal matter: a Declaration is absent from the file. The Office Action requires the submission of the Declaration in order to complete processing of the allowed claims.

Accordingly, a copy of the Declaration is attached hereto.

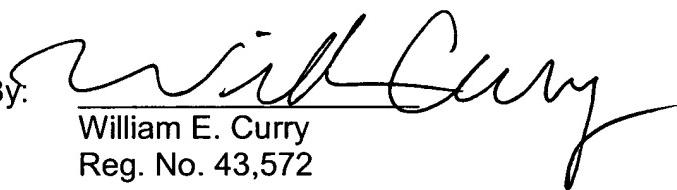
In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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